



Transportation Security Administration

Biography

John W. Halinski became the Transportation Security Administration's deputy administrator in July 2012. As deputy administrator, he is responsible for helping TSA grow as a high-performing counterterrorism agency.

Halinski joined TSA in July 2004, serving in the Office of Global Strategies before assuming his role as deputy administrator. As assistant administrator for OGS from 2010 to 2012, Halinski was responsible for enhancing international transportation security through compliance, outreach and engagement and capacity development. Key accomplishments included the advancement of measures to prevent and suppress all acts of unlawful interference against civil aviation and the savings of more than \$4 million through efficiencies within OGS. In addition, Halinski established a mentor program and created and implemented career progression paths for OGS employees as part of his efforts to build a cadre of internationally trained professionals.

As OGS deputy assistant administrator, and prior to that as the Europe area manager for OGS, Halinski was responsible for all TSA operations and administrative activities in Europe. Previously, he was the TSA representative for Italy and Africa covering 38 countries.

Additional accomplishments since joining TSA include serving as the TSA/DHS lead for the 2006 Winter Olympics and acting as the TSA representative for the evacuation of Americans from Lebanon in 2006. He also developed and implemented a successful Africa engagement strategy for TSA, as well as the Safe Skies for Africa program. In addition, Halinski directed the TSA response to international incidents including the air cargo bomb plot in October 2010; the 2010 Haiti earthquake; and the December 25, 2009 attempted attack on Northwest Flight 253.

Previously, Halinski served 25 years in the Marine Corps in a variety of positions. Highlights of this period include several successful tours involving counterterrorism, counter-drugs and counter-proliferation operations.

Halinski earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Florida and a Master of Science degree in strategic intelligence from the National Intelligence University in Washington, D.C. He has attended a wide variety of security, intelligence and professional schools. He is a graduate of TSA's Senior Leadership Development Program and a graduate of the Federal Executive Institute in Charlottesville, Va.



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Deputy Administrator

"At TSA, we take pride in showing appreciation to the men and women who serve in the Armed Forces by implementing initiatives like TSA Pre✓™ for Members of the Military and cultivating TSA's veterans workforce."

- John W. Halinski